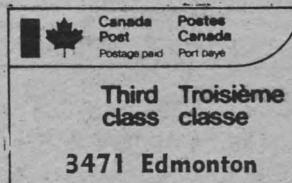


SORENSEN, S.
8909 - 77 Ave.
EDMONTON, Alta.



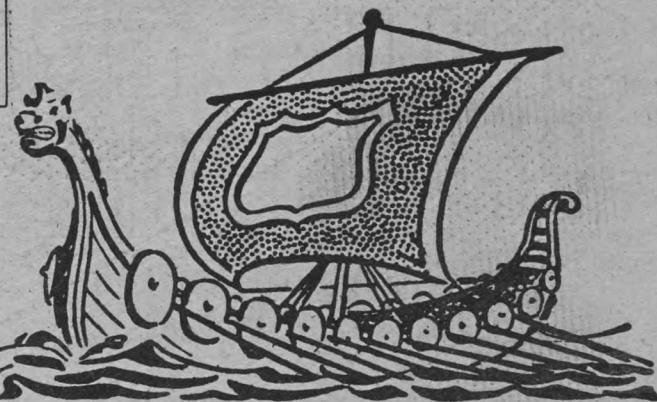
Scandinavian Centre News

PUBLISHED BY THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

VOL. XVI No. 8

If undelivered return to:
10203 - 78 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6A 3E2

Edmonton, August 1976



TREMENDOUS RESPONSE

VENOASEN FAMILY HOSTS WORLD HEREFORD FIELD DAY

By Sig Sorenson

July 7, 1976, marked an historic event, not only for the Hereford breeders of the world, but for the Venoasen family in particular.

It was a perfect day, with temperatures in the 80s and not a cloud in the sky to cast rain on the many events of the day.

Sitting beside Mr. Iver Venoasen on the bleachers watching the events, it was plain to see that the father of it all was proud as punch; and so he should be, for the success story of his family has been outstanding and unparalleled in this part of the world.

Mr. Venoasen, now over 80 years of age and in excellent health, had homesteaded and farmed in the Veteran, Alberta, district until his retirement in 1953, when he moved to Edmonton with his wife, Martha, and family—two sons and one daughter.

The family took advantage of the building boom in Edmonton and organized B & H Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. It is a real family project with Henry and Lois Venoasen, Oscar and Hilda Venoasen, and Dale and Olga McBride—all participating.

It was in the spring of 1968 with the purchase of

the highest -selling female animal at the Edmonton Spring Sale that they became Hereford Breeders, and B & H Hereford Farm came into existence.

Selma and I reached the B & H Hereford Farm by driving south on Highway 2A to Millet, then south 3 miles and west 2 1/4 miles. Here we found an impressive entrance to circular pavement in front of a large, beautiful ranch-style home. The farm buildings were well kept and painted, and the trees, flowers and vegetable gardens were beautiful.

As we entered the yard at about 9:30 a.m. on July 7, the place was already a beehive of activity. Signing of the guest book revealed names from all over the world—the British Isles, South Africa, the Scandinavian countries, New Zealand, Australia, Chile—to mention only a few. You would have thought everyone would be haggard and tired out as this was the fifth and final tour of Hereford Farms following the World Hereford Conference held in Banff, June 28 to July 3, 1976; but such was not the case. The lively music of the Wetaskiwin Bavarian

Continued on Page 12
HEREFORD FIELD DAY

S/N 4th DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Doreen Melsness

A number of delegates and visitors from Solglyt Lodge motored to Kalispell, Montana, on June 17 to attend the 37th Bicentennial Convention, Sons of Norway Fourth District.

The convention headquarters was the beautiful Outlaw Inn, the host Lodge was Fedraheimen #140, the weather was perfect.

We were impressed with the amount of work and forethought that was put into making this a pleasant and smooth-running convention.

With two hundred and seventy-four delegates and over one hundred visitors to accommodate, the Fedraheimen Lodge members cooked and served a delicious breakfast each morning at 7 a.m. in their own centre. All other meals were provided at the Outlaw Inn including banquets on Friday and Saturday nights, with entertainment and dancing at both the Inn and the S.O.N. Centre.

Boat trips on Flathead Lake and visits to historical homes were arranged for all delegates and visitors.

This convention was very special for the five Alberta Lodges. We had the pleasure of seeing Roy Swanberg of Calgary installed as Fourth District President, Ed Ness

Continued on Page 12
S/N CONVENTION

OVER \$700 RECEIVED THIS MONTH

Ada Skarin gives \$100

Sig Sorenson \$50

Finnish Society Pledges \$50

By Leslie L. Morris

Managing Editor

Envelopes containing donations have been flooding into the office of the Scandinavian Centre News since delivery of the last issue. Well over \$700 has been received so far, and each day the mail brings more.

It is the most tremendous response in the history of the paper. Although most come from the city of Edmonton, donations have come from as far north as Yellowknife, N.W.T., as far south as Medicine Hat, Alta., as far west as Victoria, B.C. and as far east as North Bay, Ont.

As Mrs. E.R.T. (Ada) Skarin of No. 247 - 8403 - 142 Street, Edmonton, says: "I see by the last number of Scandinavian News that you have trouble in financing the paper. Enclosed cheque (\$100.00) may be of some help in this matter, though of course not enough."

"The paper is about the only way for me to keep in touch with the organization

nowadays. I feel guilty in having taken it more or less for granted up till now. Please accept my cheque as a thank you."

This seems to sum up the feelings of everyone as contributions from \$2.00 to \$100.00 came in, and still more being received.

The Honourary President of the Scandinavian Centre, Sig Sorenson, sent in a cheque for \$50.00 simply marked "donation".

The Finnish Society of Edmonton has pledged \$50.00 which is still to be received.

The Scandinavian businessmen have still to

Continued on Page 12
DONATIONS RECEIVED



The large gathering at the B & H Hereford farm of the Venoasen family, southwest of Millet, Alberta. (Picture by Anders Anderson)

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Elmer Kankkunen
GOVERNMENT GRANT

It has been said that sometimes no news is good news, so first the good news. There is no news on the grant application for Centre expansion. Period. Next the bad news.

CENTRE CHEF

Response to advertising for the position of Scandinavian Centre chef has been very poor (translated—only one application has been received to date!). If no further applications are forthcoming, board members who haven't been able to flee the city for some reason will have to roll up their sleeves and fire up the old frying pan or perhaps the board will import a chef from Denmark (where else?)

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

At the second May meeting of the board the Scandinavian Centre News was the main topic of discussion. The recommendations of the committee set up to study methods of increasing revenue were reviewed in detail. The board decided to seek more advertisers at the new increased rates. A dance in support of the paper was proposed for the fall. In the meantime, donations from readers are continuing to come in at a fair rate which is helping the situation considerably. Managing editor Les Morris was on hand to answer questions and present his views. One of the recommendations of the committee was that the paper be mailed out promptly on the first of each month. The Scandinavian ethnic groups feel rather strongly about this as the success of various functions is often dependent on ads placed in the paper.

Les Morris pointed out that so many correspondents are late with their articles and he is simply short of material till those articles come in. It was suggested that perhaps he should publish an issue reduced in volume and then he would have a backlog of material for following issues.

The only solution seems to be for Les to enforce the previously established deadline which is the 15th of the month. The onus therefore remains on the correspondents to submit their articles on time or they can expect to see them published in the following month's issue.

The Splinters from the Board has a record of being late but hopefully the situation will improve as Eileen Peterson has promised to carry on during my absence this summer.

Have a good summer!

By Eileen Peterson

There we were—hoist on our own petard—Splinters from the Board missed the newspaper deadline of the 15th and consequently did not appear in last month's newspaper; we'll do our best to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Right now the biggest concern of the board is the hiring of a chef and we are working towards finalizing all the details of our own food service operation just as quickly as we can.

No word yet on our grant application for expansion. The directors responsible are keeping in close touch with the review committee and have been told that there is a large number of applications yet to be assessed; we did hope to have an answer much sooner, but all we can do is wait and hope for a favourable response. We shall keep you posted on developments.

The Newspaper Committee is still hard at it in an attempt to come up with ways to break even, and Stan Hafso will appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Gary Johnson and Erling Winquist are presently investigating the possibility of a local radio station taking up the Scandinavian Hour. The board feels that from both a cultural and communications point of view we have lost a great deal and is hopeful that we can interest one of the broadcasting companies in getting us back on the airwaves.

Hope you are all enjoying a great summer! □

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

Anna LARSEN, Edmonton — \$5.00
Nellie DAMM, Edmonton — \$10.00
Holger & Ruth FREDERICK- SON, New Norway — \$5.00

Bendt & Sonja E. NIELSEN — \$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl ANDERSON Drayton Valley — \$3.00
Nels HEDIN, Winfield, B.C. — \$3.00
MOVE ON, Edmonton — \$10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam HOLTON, Kelowna, B.C. — \$10.00

SIS or S/S, Edmonton — \$3.00	— \$3.00
Andrew KJORLIEN, Drayton Valley — \$3.00	Neil & Meg SWANSON, Peace River — \$5.00
Chris BEACH, Edmonton — \$4.00	Mrs. Edith PERSSON, Fairview — \$10.00
Ole HEGGE, Sherwood Park — \$10.00	Mr. Sigfus F. ARNFINSON, Victoria, B.C. — \$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anton KOZCULAB, Edmonton — \$10.00	John E. OLSON, Winfield — \$5.00
Carl HEMMINGSON, Gunn — \$3.00	C. Mike JOHNSON, Edmonton — \$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert WINQUIST, Edmonton — \$5.00	Sigvald & Stinne HENRIKSEN, Berwyn — \$20.00
Jake & Elma JACKSON, Calgary — \$5.00	Mrs. Hildur JOHNSON, Edmonton — \$3.00
Mrs. K. MORTENSEN, Rosalind — \$5.00	Mrs. Hammar HAMMARBERG, Edmonton — \$3.00
Mrs. Louise DAHL, Veteran — \$3.00	Cam & Freda SMITH, Edmonton — \$5.00
Mrs. Hilda LUNDSTROM, Hughenden — \$3.00	Paul JENSEN, Edmonton —
Gunnar THORVALDSON, Planning Assistant, Outside Plant, Northwest Region, CN Telecommunications, Edmonton — \$5.00	Continued on Page 11 DONATIONS
Ninna CAMPBELL, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Fred SAKARIASSEN, High River — \$5.00	
Otto H. HEGLAND, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Halvor O. HAUEN, Camrose — \$10.00	
Don JOHNSON, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Martin PETERSON, Kamloops, B.C. — \$2.00	
Ralph H. OHEN, Edmonton — \$5.00	
The MODALENS, Edmonton — \$5.00	
William KOSHUTA, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Mae BURGESS, Wetaskiwin — \$5.00	
John HANSSEN, Viking — \$10.00	
Nelly DITTRICH, Edmonton — \$10.00	
John and Agnes BENEDICT- SON, Edmonton — \$3.00	
Mrs. Ida HANSEN, Edmonton — \$3.00	
Ina M.E. BENSON, Edmonton — \$3.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Bert BEST, Edmonton — \$5.00	
Mr. & Mrs. C. O. RIKSTAD, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Shirley GRAYSTON, Dawson Creek — \$3.00	
Margaret LUNDGREN, White Rock, B.C. — \$3.00	
Alf T. TOVERUD, Viking — \$10.00	
B. YOUS, Whitecourt — \$10.00	
Florence WOODCOCK, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Ernest & Marg STOBY, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Karl & Marjorie LEANDER, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Paul L. LARSEN, Edmonton — \$10.00	
Aili LOUSTE, North Bay, Ont. — \$10.00	
Mrs. H. RYDMAN, Edmonton — \$3.00	
Mrs. Ellen THOMSEN, Olds —	
SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETIES AND CLUBS IN EDMONTON	
DANIA — Peter Andersen, President, 4 Swallow Cr., St. Albert 458-2788	
FINNISH — Pentti Sipari, President, 8212-14 Ave., Edmonton 462-7261	
ICELANDIC — Sam Thorkelson, Pres., 7951-92 Ave., Edmonton 465-3985	
SOLGLYT — Doug Peterson, Pres., 6216-92B Ave., Edmonton 466-9061	
SUNRAY LODGE — Tom Haugen, Pres., 8806-162 St., Edmonton 489-1171	
SKANDIA — Lennart Petersson, Pres., 7412-87 Ave., Edmonton 469-0259	
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE — Per Nielsen, President, 257 South Ridge, Edmonton Bus. 484-5384 Res. 436-4109	
VIKING TOASTMASTERS — Peter Elander, Sergeant at Arms, Scandinavian Centre, 455-4355, #1414 Crescent Place, 452-3907	
CLUB VIKING — Les Greenham, President, 10424-142 St., Edmonton Bus. 426-4209 Res. 455-0082	
VIKING DISCO — Tom Jacobsen, Social Convener, 10981-164 St. 489-1494	

Scandinavian Centre News

is published by The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited, 14220 - 125 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 3C2, produced by Morris Publishing Company, 10205 - 78 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6A 3E1 and printed by Sun Colorpress Ltd., 10026 - 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1M4.

The deadline for material to be published is the 15th of each month. Unless special arrangements are made anything received later may have to be left till the next issue.

Cost of advertising is \$3.00 per column inch.

Each member of The Scandinavian Centre receives The Scandinavian Centre News each month free for life. Non-members may subscribe at \$6.00 annually, payable to the Treasurer, Scandinavian Centre and sending it to the Director, Scandinavian Centre News, Mr. Stan Hafso, 11739 - 38A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

Scandinavian groups, societies, organizations, associations or clubs may receive the paper by sending a list of members' names and addresses. A mailing charge of 6¢ per copy will be payable. This payment and other correspondence is to be addressed to: The Scandinavian Centre News 10203 - 78 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6A 3E2

DIRECTOR
Stan Hafso
11739 - 38A Avenue, Edmonton
Res. 435-8964 — Bus. 479-2036

MANAGING EDITOR
Leslie L. Morris
10203-10205 - 78 Street, Edmonton
Phone 469-8854

CORRESPONDENTS
Danish Society DANIA
Lili Nielsen
3903-111A St., Edmonton 435-5655

ICELANDIC SOCIETY of Edmonton
Lillian MacPherson
7870 Jasper Avenue 422-7557

LEIF EIRIKSSON Icelandic Club
Björn Sigurdson
6303 Lynch Crescent S.W., Calgary

FINNISH SOCIETY of Edmonton
Elmer Kankkunen
10824 - 30 St., Edmonton 477-6751

Sons of Norway SOLGLYT
Gail Peterson
6216 - 92B Avenue 466-9061

Sons of Norway NORTHERN LIGHTS
Shirley Olson
Box 36, Sexsmith, Alberta

Sons of Norway RONNING
Florence Nickolson
Camrose, Alberta

Vasa Lodge SKANDIA
Gertrude Holmgren
RR2 St. Albert T8N 1M9 973-3111

Vasa Lodge BUFORD
Dolores Johnson
RR1 Warburg, Alberta T0C 2T0

Vasa Lodge NORDSTJARNAN
Sherry Havanka
Wetaskiwin, Alberta

STEPHAN G. STEPHANSSON
Society
L. K. Johnson
Markerville, Alberta

Moose Jaw SCANDINAVIAN CLUB
Christine Ellingson
1192 Alder Ave., Moose Jaw, Sask.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Betty Travis
COMING EVENTS

Monday, August 2nd

HERITAGE DAYS. Heritage Days in Alberta starts at 11 a.m. at Mayfair Park and continues all day. There will be a parade through the park at noon. Please wear Scandinavian costumes if possible. The Scandinavians plan to have a display booth and also Scandinavian food.

Sunday, August 22nd

LANGUAGE CAMP AT MULHURST. The camp has room for more participants. Application forms available from Solglyt Cultural Director, Astrid Hope, (469-4747).

Saturday, August 28th

A get together is planned to show summary of camp activities, camp program and display of crafts. Coffee will be served along with Norwegian food which camp members have learned to bake. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, September 11th

WESTERN BARBECUE NIGHT. Bring your own steak . . . trimmings supplied. Come dressed in western attire if possible and dance to old-time and modern music in the Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre. Tickets available from the Halbergs (466-9344), Nilsens (434-4300) or any member of the executive.

Saturday, October 9th

QUEEN CONTEST. Will be celebrated at a dinner and dance at the Scandinavian Centre sponsored with the Finnish Society. Call Karin Jackson for tickets (478-8394) or if interested as a contestant. The contestant must be Scandinavian by birth or descent, single, and 18-25 years of age inclusive. The prospective Queen must have a membership of one of the five Scandinavian ethnic groups or a daughter of a member. A shareholder of the Scandinavian Centre or a daughter of a member of the Scandinavian Centre is also eligible.

Kristoffer Grude Celebrates 80th Birthday in Canada



By Sig Sorenson

Mr. Kristoffer Grude of Stavanger, Norway, is visiting with his son, Jan Grude, and family. He flew Scandinavian Airlines to Montreal, then Air Canada to Edmonton on July 2.

He will spend most of his time relaxing at Jan and Else Grude's country home north of Winterburn; and the highlight of his visit was to participate and witness the wedding of his granddaughter, Jeanette, to Robert E. King, July 10,

home of Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Murphy are sisters of Ruth.

Anna Zelensky participated in a Handball Tournament in Calgary with the City of Edmonton Tornados on July 10 and 11.

Bill Zelensky attended a Young People's Retreat at Mulhurst June 11 and played the part of a clown around the campfire.

Happy Anniversary to Steve and Ruth Zelensky whose 26th wedding anniversary was July 3.

Ross Fowler visited friends and did some sightseeing in Mexico City the last week of June.

Last week of July, Helge and Lillian Nilsen motored to the Okanagan and met friends there. They will return in time for their son, Bob's, wedding August 7.

Given in marriage by her father, the lovely young bride was radiant in a floor length century gown of cotton polyester with a portrait neckline, lace trimmed bodice, leg-o'-mutton sleeves and a lace trimmed

double ruffle on the bottom of the skirt. Her headdress was a lace trimmed veil. She carried a bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

The bride was attended by her long-time friend, Sandra Gilmour, as matron of honor and her second cousin, Ellen Skukstad, as bridesmaid. They were dressed in blue cotton polyester gowns, white hats and carried bouquets of white daisies and baby's breath.

The groom, in white tuxedo, was supported by his brother, Douglas King, and a friend, Brian Johnston. They wore pale blue tuxedos.

Ushering guests were Tore Grude and David King.

Arthur Domingo was the organist and during the signing of the register, John Grude and Heather Hentke sang "The Wedding Prayer".

Following the ceremony a reception at 4 p.m. for fifty relatives and close friends was held at "Haugtussa", Winterburn (home of the bride), in the form of a buffet on the lawn. The bride and groom served the traditional Canadian wedding cake and the Norwegian krause kake.

Continued on Page 4
KING-GRUDE NUPTIALS

DR. T. O. WALHOVD

DENTIST

510 Empire Bldg., Edmonton

Phone: 422-2783

VISIT

Victor Losa Jewellers

9816 Jasper Avenue - 426-3269
for personalized service on all
Sales and Repairs

Walter Meyer - Proprietor

DR. E. H. DRESEN

DENTIST

10073 - 156 Street
489-0110 - PHONES - 489-1857

Afternoon and Evening

Appointments

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST 3rd

SORENSEN ASSURANCE SERVICE LTD.

WILL BE LOCATED AT:

10619 - 124 STREET

EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5N 1S5

488-7231 - twenty four hour telephone answering service

We trust this move and change in our phone system will be more convenient and provide better service to our clientele.

N.B.

For all Estate Planning and Life Insurance Services, you will still contact:

Sig A. Sorenson

SORENSEN ASSURANCE SERVICE LTD.
#24 CENTENNIAL BLDG.
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

429-1358 - twenty four hour telephone answering service.

HERITAGE DAY, AUGUST 2

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

By Hon. Horst A. Schmid

Minister of Culture

From Heritage Magazine

The first Monday of August is Alberta Heritage Day.

The work-ethic holds hard in Western Canada and perhaps we are a trifle self-conscious about celebrating a holiday in which we ourselves are the stars. Yet that, in truth, is what Heritage Day is all about.

The very name conjures up treasured images of our Province's past and of our own past. Buffalo jumps, teepee rings, sod shacks . . . oxen and bush-breaker ploughs . . . the old schoolhouse—and, perhaps preserved in a corner, an old set of school readers on an old oak desk . . . the chalk boards and the pot-bellied heater, the scents and sights of the town merchant's shops, valleys, cathedrals, bogs, cities, costumes and folk-tales of ancestral lands—a long ocean voyage—a "strange" language—"keepsakes" from "over there"—a new and more promising way of life, fulfilling visions and dreams, if not always for the "newcomers" then at least for their children.

Some of our old-timers and pioneers from across Alberta will be in Edmonton on Heritage Day for the official re-opening of Government House, renovated under the program of preservation of historic buildings—a part of our heritage of which too much already has been destroyed.

Any readers whose family has been in Alberta 50 years will have his or her own nostalgic memories of the past! Perhaps you remember the pound presses—those little wooden boxes your mother used to make butter to sell to the local community store or perhaps to "trade-in" on a few groceries? Many a family with a gleaming automatic washing machine has a wistful memory of the first hand-operated machine that was used to do the "heavy" washing. Those machines are antiques now.

You do not have to be that long an Albertan to have memories of the days when the summer months spelled canning time: 20 pints of wild strawberries, 50 quarts of wild raspberries, 200 of saskatoons! Such was an average farm family's fruit stored by for the winter.

Things themselves are only visible reminders of our heritage, which is perhaps better expressed in the folklore, folk dances and songs of our many peoples passed down from one generation to another. Heritage Day is important. And the way we celebrate it is important—not only to ourselves, but to future generations who will appreciate the heritage we hand on to them perhaps even more than we appreciate the legacy that our borebears have left in trust to us.

BERT OLSON AND HIS ACCORDION



Bert Olson

By Olaf Sveen

My friends, Bert and Mary Olson, live in a home for senior citizens close to my house in Edmonton. Bert plays the accordion and was born at Eidskog, Hedmark, Norway, in 1891. Hedmark is one of the good parts of Norway. History tells us that when Sinklar landed in Romsdal with his Scottish army that many of the soldiers complained that the country looked a bit barren. Then Sinklar said: "When

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE'S PAST DIRECTORS CLUB

The Annual Social Evening of the Scandinavian Centre Past Directors Club was held on June 24, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room. President Sigurd Sorenson introduced the visitors who included two Finnish students. Scandinavian President Per Nielsen explained the work at the Centre and how the directors plan to overcome some of the problems. It is hoped that the newspaper will be able to become self supporting shortly. Many details of the expansion program were discussed.

The following motions were duly moved, seconded and approved.

- That the executive request an informal meeting to inform shareholders of the expansion plans.

- That the Annual Meeting be held on or about June 20 of each year.

- That the officers for the next term be:

PRESIDENT

Knut Svidal, 111 Laurier

Dr. — 436-1349

VICE-PRESIDENT

Lennart Petersson, 7412 —

87 Ave. — 469-0259

TREASURER

William Peterson, 8726

Strathearn Drive —

466-5759

SECRETARY

Linnea Lodge, 12336 St. W

Albert Rd. — 455-8066

SOCIAL CONVENOR

Anne Sahuri, 16112 — 104

Ave. — 489-7515

- That a vote of thanks be given to the past council.

we get to Hedmark, then it is just like coming to the Promised Land. The greatest farms and the most beautiful girls will belong to you." History also tells us that it did not happen that way.

Eidskog is so close to Sweden that it is a wonder Bert didn't turn out to be a Swede. One story goes that the storekeeper had his store built so half of it was in Sweden and half in Norway. The customers would then go to the Norwegian side and buy what was most reasonably priced there, then the storekeeper would take the customers to the Swedish side and show them Swedish goods with Swedish prices. The Norwegians went to the Swedish side to buy things like yarn made of cotton, chewing tobacco and shoe leather. The Swedes came to the Norwegian side and bought dried fish, salted herring, syrup and such. Norwegians and Swedes have always been good neighbors —almost.

Bert started playing for dances with his accordion when he was 16 years old. He is still doing it, so it has been going on for 69 years. We are dealing with

Mr. Nick Sillios explained the functions of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council and recognized the work being done by the representatives from the Scandinavian Centre. Representatives to the Council are Norway - Astrid Hope, Sweden - Linnea Lodge, Iceland - Della Roland, Finland - Anne Sahuri and Denmark - Per Nielsen. The evening was completed with the serving of herring and various cheeses by the wives of the Executive. □

VIKING CRY

The Voice of Club Viking.

By Peter Elander

"Olav the Viking"

On July 17, 1976, Club Viking sponsored a pre-Klondike Dance at the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room.

Last year many people complained that the Centre only had one Klondike Dance

KING-GRUDE NUPTIALS

Continued from Page 3

John Grude, brother of the bride, was a most capable master of ceremonies and Douglas King proposed the toast to the bride.

Thirty-six young friends of the bridal couple arrived at 7:30 p.m. for the evening buffet and dancing to the music of Arthur Domingo. Several vocal numbers were rendered by Solveig Hvidsten.

The happy couple left next day for a honeymoon in the Rockies and, on their return, will make their home in Edmonton.

Attending the wedding from the greatest distance was the bride's grandfather, Mr. K. Grude, of Stavanger, Norway. His comments at the reception were translated from Norwegian to English by the master of ceremonies. He was delighted that a Grude was marrying a "King". □

a real veteran. When he was 18 years old, in 1909, he packed up and went across the ocean to the United States to the Midwest. People say that the waltz, "Life In The Finland Woods", is as old as the hills, but Karl Jularbo claims he made it up in 1913. I am saying this to show how long ago it is that Bert, or Brede as he was called at that time, came to America. He does not know "Maakeskaer-valsen"—I believe it came out around 1920 or so and is way too new for Bert. On the other hand, such music is considered to be from the Stone Age by many young people nowadays.

Bert met the girl who

Continued on Page 11
BERT OLSON

when in fact they had none. The only Klondike Dance here at the Centre last year was sponsored by the Danes.

So the directors of Club Viking decided to do something about it. With your help it is going to be a yearly event.

At this party it was decided to have the ticket price for members and guests the same in the hope you would bring out prospective members.

ACTION

Application to get under the Alberta Society Act has been mailed, so, by July 17 it was hoped that Club Viking would be an official club under the Act.

CHALLENGE

The Centre Board of Directors have asked Club Viking to take charge of the NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

We have taken up this challenge. The orchestra and two bartenders have been booked. We are working on setting up a special Scandinavian menu. So we suggest you plan to take in this Big Event.

MEMBERSHIP

Yes, we are open for more members. But keep in mind—all new members must be approved by your directors. □

FINE ART GALLERY

ART

frame/craft art gallery

Gallery Hours:
Mon. to Sat.
9:00 to 5:30
Thursday
9:00 to 9:00

7711
FINE / CRAFT

SOUTHSIDE 7711 - 85 STREET
465-6171

NORTHSIDE 11817-80 STREET
479-8424

REAL ESTATE



Call BENTE TOLDY concerning
all your Real Estate needs
**CITY TRUST REAL ESTATE
DEPARTMENT**
featuring all facilities for
buying or selling your property
7660 - 156 Street, Edmonton
Bus. 487-1140 Res. 439-5880

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson
UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, August 15th to Tuesday, August 24th

ICELANDIC CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE CAMP 1976 will be held at Ukrainian Catholic Park, 6 1/4 miles north of Gimli, Man. If you want more information, contact Lorna J. Tergeson, Box 154, Gimli, Man. ROC 1B0. Or register with her. The fee is \$80.00.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary attended a meeting at the home of Beulah Arason. The executive for the coming year consists of President, Beulah Arason; Secretary, Della Roland; Treasurer, Freda Smith.

The future of the Auxiliary was discussed and plans for a more active season were considered.

Margaret Cameron showed pictures of Mexico, and gave a most interesting talk about the trip she and Don took through that lovely country.

GET WELL SOON

Joe Johannson had surgery in Red Deer, but was recuperating well by June 19.

Regina Johannson was in hospital in Innisfail with minor surgery. Ninna Campbell dislocated her shoulder in an unfortunate mishap on a sunny morning and was trussed up in a rather cumbersome fashion.

Hope you're all on the mend by the time this appears.

TRAVELLERS

Rosa Ben visited at Cloverdale, B.C., and stopped at Edmonton.

Chris and Lara G. Hale left for Chicago via Markerville, Regina and Winnipeg to visit with Chris' parents before leaving for Iceland on June 27.

Pauline and Alex Mitchell went to Vancouver to attend the official opening of the Britannia Library, which is headed by their daughter, Thora Howell. It is a community and school library headquartered in a new community centre. It is an exciting new concept in library service, and even before the official opening it had received interested guests from all over the world.

Shirley Lundberg visited Greece and Great Britain with her daughter, Dawn. Lucky pair!

The Bill Petersons entertained relatives from Iceland.

CROWNING OF THE FJALLKONA

On May 30 the Edmonton Icelandic Society crowned its Fjallkona for 1976-77. This year Shirley Thorvaldson was honored with the crowning. Shirley has been active in the Icelandic Society since the early 1960s

and has held several executive positions. In her acceptance speech, she read a poem by Art Reykdal, Canadian-Icelandic skald, now living in Calgary. She was attended by several little friends — Erika MacPherson, Pam Chivers, Ruth Thorkelson, Marg Evans and Joanne and Elizabeth Parker. The crown bearer was Lorie Moldenhauer. Gudbjorg (Burkie) Letourneau graciously relinquished her place as fjallkona, and crowned the new queen. Burke has had a very successful year, and has appeared many times on behalf of the society.

Leifur Oddson spoke about the "Spirit of Iceland" which brings us together on occasions such as this to celebrate a culture and tradition close to us all.

Les Greenham, vice-president, presented life memberships to Vi Arnfinsson and Don and Margaret Cameron, all long-standing and active members of the club.

The Saga Singers entertained with a few pieces. Sam Thorkelson was master of ceremonies.

ANNUAL ICELANDIC PICNIC AT MARKERVILLE

The annual Islendingadagurinn, Alberta style, at Markerville was graced with beautiful weather on Saturday, June 19. The only mar to the day was a brief windstorm, which was timed to coincide with the end of the communal potluck supper. It drove everyone inside Spruce View School to view a film of the dedication of the Stephansson home as an historic site last summer.

The idyllic day was perfect for an old-time country picnic, with lots of visiting, renewing of friendships, and all-around good fellowship. There was also ample activity for those with lots of energy. Markerville won the pick-up ball game against Edmonton. Many children won ribbons during the field day events. For those who love to eat good food, the Calgary Icelanders had their booth with Icelandic wonders like ponnukukker and vinatarta for ridiculously low prices (would you believe only 15¢ a piece?) They also provided Canadian fare like hot dogs and cookies.

The afternoon program at the hall was well attended and included many artists from Calgary, Markerville and Edmonton. Margaret Geppert read in Icelandic a poem by Stephan G. Stephansson. Thordis Gutnik read the translation into English by Pall Bjarnason. A group of Markerville singers entertained with "This Land Is Your Land" and "Friends and Neighbors". Rosa Ben-

Icelandic Folklore in Canada

ORAL TRADITION AND ETHNIC BOUNDARIES;
"WEST" ICELANDIC VERSES AND ANECDOTES
By M. Einarsson
From Canadian Ethnic Studies, Special Issue:
Ethnic Folklore in Canada

PART IV ANECDOTES

The anecdote, which does not impose the restrictions of rime scheme or alliteration upon its content matter,

ediktson read a letter from her son, Steve, who had visited the Holy Land with his family.

Jon Hendrickson of Calgary sang two Icelandic songs, and Ingrid Geppert sang "Draumalandid". Bill Bourne, Stephan G.'s great grandson entertained with three Canadian country songs.

Markerville's Charlie Farquharson had the audience in hysterics with his fractured English and jokes about the Icelanders and the Danes. Apparently some of the locals didn't even recognize Fred Andersen. The Saga Singers from Edmonton ended the concert. Their special guest was Stacey Mitchell, who sang two songs in Icelandic. Other soloists were Gail Chivers, Hilmir Agustsson, Shirley and Solki Sigurdson and Lillian MacPherson. Special guests on stage were Grant Sigurdsson and Edmonton's fjallkona, Shirley Thorvaldson.

Rosa Benediktson and Joe Johannson were honored with life memberships in the Edmonton Icelandic Society. Gunnar Thorvaldson was master of ceremonies.

In the evening a cabaret was held in the hall. It was a great old-time dance with young and old dancing and laughing till late into the night. Sunday morning the Markerville people had a pancake breakfast on the grounds for all the campers and billeted guests who stayed to sleep after the dance.

A great way to get off on the road.

The picnic committee did a fine job again. The Markerville club has to be thanked for all the work it puts into preparing for the picnic, which is the highlight of June for Albertans of Icelandic origin.

GJOA HAVEN

Gjoa Haven, located 679 air miles northeast of Yellowknife, was named after Roald Amundsen's yacht. Amundsen, who was the first person to navigate the Northwest Passage from 1903-06, called Gjoa haven the finest little harbour in the world.

generally takes over where the verse leaves off, especially in bearing witness to communication with the supernatural world. Separation from Iceland, difficulty in assimilating the vastness of Canada as a substitute home, and the inroads of the mainstream culture has led the pioneer generation to show a marked interest in the world of the dead as a new point of reference. The anecdote serves this ideological dimension as its principal vehicle of exploration. The word anecdote is not used here in the classic folkloristic sense of a short, usually bizarre or humorous story, but to translate the Icelandic term *sögn* which is generally defined as a story which is thought to be reliable, about a named person and an actual event, often supernatural. The teller is frequently the subject of the story (as in a memorate) but so are his family or neighbors (as in *erinnerungssage*). The anecdote, especially as it deals with supernatural events, usually includes folkloric motifs which travel from one anecdote to another, but are not felt to detract from its supposed authenticity.

Traditionally super-

natural anecdotes are transmitted in the home, and, as with verses, often at mealtime. At breakfast one may hear, "How strangely I dreamt last night!" The dream is described and discussion follows concerning its possible significance. At mid-morning coffee and afternoon coffee with neighborhood friends (mostly women) and members of the family, supernatural anecdotes may again be interjected into the conversation. Mock levity (rather than mock seriousness) usually greets these interjections into the more mundane discussions of daily life. The serious intent behind these anecdotes is revealed in the discussion which usually follows and starts with some variations on the refrain: "How can you explain that?" At evening coffee the situation is similar except that children of the household are more likely to be hovering in the background and even participating in the conversation.

Folk belief, nineteenth century Spiritualism and Christianity have all contributed to making communion with the world of

**Continued on Page 6
ANECDOTES**

Regular weekly flights are available all year to Aalborg, Aarhus, Bergen, Billund, Copenhagen, Esbjerg, Farsund, Gothenberg, Helsinki, Karup, Kristiansand, Odense, Oslo, Ronne, Skrydstrup, Sonderborg, Stavanger, Stockholm and Thisted. Contact the experts of European travel

There are many advantages when you travel at the regular 22-45 day Excursion fare. They are reasonably priced. Convenient. Half fare for children. Pick your own date. Stay anytime between 22 and 45 days. No cancelled flights.



11741 - 95 St., Edmonton 477-3561

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

Please advise The Scandinavian Centre News as soon as possible of any change of address. Cut out your name and address from the front page and paste it in this space, or print your old address. If you get your paper through another group other than being a shareholder kindly mention this.

And then give your new address and mail to:
The Scandinavian Centre News
10203 - 78 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6A 3E2

Name

Street Address

City

Province Postal Code

I now receive the paper from:

- Scandinavian Centre (Shareholder)
- Danish Society
- Icelandic Society
- Vasa Lodge
- Finnish Society
- Sons of Norway
- Some other source

FINNISH SOCIETY**FINNISH SOCIETY NEWS**

By Elmer Kankkunen

Albert Karvonen's film on Alberta birds revealed his special talent for wildlife photography and was the highlight of the evening as the Finnish Society played host to the six-man Group Study Exchange Team from Finland sponsored by Rotary International. It was a very enjoyable evening spent in chatting and exchanging views, etc.

One of the visitors, Antti Makkonen, was somewhat surprised as he was approached in a very familiar manner by John Liimatainen, one of our senior citizens. John quickly explained that he immediately recognized Mr. Makkonen as he was the splitting image of his grandfather whom John knew well in Kankasalmi, Finland, some fifty years ago.

Our missing Finnish national costumes have been located as they were returned to the shipper in Finland after making a five-month trip to Canada and back. The shipper has advised us that the parcels were returned intact and still properly addressed, etc.

At a recent meeting of the executive it was decided to donate \$50 to the Scandinavian Centre News. Updated mailing lists have been forwarded to Les Morris which means that some new members will begin receiving the paper while others who have not paid either 1975 or 1976 dues will be struck off the list effective Aug. 1, 1976.

Happy Holidays! □

DEATH**ALVAR AALTO DIES**

From Vapaa Sana

Alvar Aalto, symbol of modern architecture and bold design, died on Wednesday, May 12 at the age of 78 in Helsinki.

Aalto lived in the U.S. a good part of his life, taught architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, planned several public buildings in the States, became friends with Frank Lloyd Wrights, and was invited as member or honorary member to most distinguished Architect's Associations in the U.S. and Europe.

He first won international reputation by the functional Paimio tuberculosis sanatorium in 1933, for which he also designed the furniture, replacing chrome with plywood. He designed the Finnish pavilion for the Paris and New York World Fairs in the late thirties. The latter with its impressive undulating wooden wall structures brought him instant fame in the States and an invitation to MIT in Boston.

Aalto has since designed dozens of public buildings, factories, townships (Tapiola Garden City, Helsinki Olympic village 40, Helsinki centre plan), churches, community halls, art museums (one in Alborg, Denmark, and another one in Bagdad, Irak).

Aalto rather enjoyed life and its niceties. He became so well known in New York and other American cities that he usually paid his lunch bills by just signing the bill.

Aalto was married for twenty years to Elisa, designer herself and business partner in Aalto's furniture firm till her death in 1949. □

ance of her athletes more than anything else brought the country to the attention of the world. Paavo Nurmi, the long-distance runner, is still remembered as one of the greatest athletes of all times, and many other Finnish names have found a permanent place in the history of sport. In track and field events, in skiing and skating, and in wrestling, Finland's share of gold medals and world records is larger than that of most nations.

In the Summer Olympics 1972, the Finnish runner, Lasse Virén, won the gold medals in 5,000 and 10,000 meters while Pekka Vasala won the 1,500 meters event. In recent years Finnish motorists have been the favourites in the Monte Carlo rallies. The skaters and ice hockey players have achieved many triumphs.

NO PROFESSIONALS

Sports in Finland is not a monopoly of a few stars, however. In fact there are

WITH THE FINNS IN CANADA

The Sudbury correspondent for Vapaa Sana, Mauri Jalava, met with the director of the foreign service of the Finnish Yleisradio (Finnish Broadcasting Corporation), Mr. Ville Zilliacus. CBC may buy some of the programs produced under the title "Finns in America". Each of the four parts will last for 14 minutes.

Sixty radio stations in the U.S. have bought the series. The Finnish radio will assign two reporters to interview Finnish-Canadians for a series of programs broadcast by the Pori short wave station. This program coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Finnish Radio Company. The Pori station is usually barely audible in Canada but the company is modernizing the Pori outfit, replacing the 100 with 250 kilowatt equipment. □

ANECDOTES

Continued from Page 5

the dead seem a desirable prospect. Their world is not faced with the same threats that face the community of the living, and it is the author's contention that belief in it has in some measure been a counterbalance against the insecurities of life in the New World. The supernatural anecdotes show that death is not felt as a finality, but the reaching of firm ground—the final genealogical embrace of reunion with one's kinsmen and friends. The same suggestion is found in an article by Haraldur Bessason of the University of Manitoba describing the Icelanders' sense of close, personal contact with the past.

A close connection with the past is without doubt the principal cause for the tendency of Icelanders to

no professional athletes. Sports is without question the one most popular leisure activity of the nation and sporting clubs of every description claim a total membership of over 1,000,000.

In the summer, track and field athletics and swimming, as well as ball games like soccer and a Finnish variety of baseball called "pesäpallo", are the most popular sports. And in the winter, literally almost everybody skis and skates. Finnish children usually learn to move on snow and ice as soon as they have learned to walk; in country districts skiing is in fact a method of transportation as much as it is a sport. A popular winter game is ice hockey, though it has to compete with an exclusively Nordic ice game called "bandy" (resembling field hockey on skates). Also basketball has been rapidly gaining ground. □

see the life of the nation as a vertical crosscut from ancient times to the present, rather than a crosscut of the present alone. The vertical lines increase not a little the size of this peculiar if not unique picture of a nation's life where departed generations make up for the fewness of the living. Where the picture fails in breadth it is made up many times by its depth.

In other words, people die slowly to the memory of the living. The same tenacity that keeps the West Icelandic community together transcends the boundaries of death. The dead are a presence in many cases even to the third generation of survivors either because of their periodic "visitations" or because of well drawn and guarded characterizations by the living.

Although this world is not localized in any way it is generally thought of as being peopled only by Icelanders. Th. Th. Thorsteinsson in a "half-truth" short story has a Spiritualist medium claim that:

In the world of the spirit, people are divided into groups according to nationality—their national soul, but not by those countries or states, that they may have moved to or lived in for longer or shorter time periods.

The self-conscious nationalism reflected here does not often represent West Icelandic thinking, but, nevertheless strong in-group sentiments make it likely that the statement reflected an emotional reality. As pointed out above, however, with regard to visiting, Icelandiness is supported more by a sense of the irrelevance of the outsider rather than any specifically defined racist or nationalistic notions; the integrity of the community is all important, even, or perhaps especially, in death.

Descriptions of the supernatural world vary considerably, and although the writings of Spiritualists and psychic researchers have been followed closely by many West Icelanders,

their influence has been mainly to support the validity of traditional speculation about the supernatural, rather than to give people any fixed body of doctrine. I have recorded several descriptions of this world either as it is idealized or felt to have been experienced in dream or vision. The following is an example:

I dreamt that I knew she (mother) was going to another land and I knew that I could not go with her, but we had always been together. And, I walked with her a considerable distance, and we came to this very beautiful lake. It was so placid and I saw—I could see across the lake such a very beautiful land, and there was so much brightness. And, I sensed—as if I could see, although the distance was great, I felt (as if) I could see such a lot of beautiful flowers and trees and buildings, and said to her, "Now I cannot go with you any further. Now you have to travel the remaining distance alone." This was a year before she died.

Dead relatives and friends periodically cross the line back from this world into the world of the living to cause mischief or give warning and help, and sometimes to offer homely advice on household matters. The dead are perceived by the waking eyes (sometimes ears) of those gifted with second sight and the many more who are "clear" dreamers (berdreyrnir).

The ability to neutralize geography is a special gift of the dead. The full meaning of this experience for the West Icelandic believer is poignantly demonstrated in the following anecdote recorded in Gimli, Manitoba, from an elderly male informant:

I saw it myself about—probably five years ago. I was at the Icelandic Celebration in Gimli, and they start singing—a quartet . . . I liked it very much. It was beautiful. Then all

Continued on Page 9
ANECDOTES

SAUNA SALES & INSTALLATIONS

Phone 487-3114

Karvonen

Finnish Sauna Sales,
BOX 9, SITE 16, R.R.5
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
T5P 4B7

PAUL KARVONEN



LISTEN TO . . .

THE SCANDINAVIAN HOURON RADIO STATION CKUA AT 4:20 P.M.
AM 580 Kz - FM 94.9 MzTHE AUGUST SCHEDULE OF BROADCASTS
Sunday, August 1st, 15th and 29th

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Bertie Holmgren

Skandia's regular July meeting was held in the clubhouse at Vasa Park on July 3 with Chairman Lennart Petersson in the chair.

It was reported that Gust Johnson is still under doctor's care, and Ella Petersson and Alma Samuelson are still ill. Martha Kay had been in the hospital but is home now. Grace Maxwell has been in hospital but is better.

There were several visitors at our meeting. From Meeting Creek, Karen and Ruby Anderson, Walter and Helen Pearson, Ken Johansson, Irene Streberg, Albin and Ruby Bergstrom. From Buford, Anna Wold, George and Doris Modin and Betty Hanson. The District Deputy for Skandia, Ken Johansson was introduced to the chairman by the Master of Ceremonies.

The Land Committee reported that the boat ramp was completed and in use.

The three new officers were installed: Chaplin Martha Kay, Asst. Secty. Beaula Hinton, and Asst. M.C. Anna Sund.

The St. Joseph's Hospital patients will visit Vasa Park three times during the summer, July 8th was their first visit.

Hansine Pierre resigned from the sick visiting committee and Mary Pearson volunteered for the position.

Membership pins were awarded to six members: 40-year pin to Gust Johnson; 25-year pins to Helga Johnson, Harold and Minnie Markstrom, and Leonard Eliasson; and Irma McMaster accepted a 25-year pin for husband Bill.

The rules and regulations for Vasa Park will be mailed to all cottage owners if they have not picked them up.

We would like to see a Children's Club active again. For information, phone Doreen Nyroos at 469-8286 or Gertie Holmgren at 973-3111.

A Klondike Dance followed the meeting and was very well attended. However, there were not very many attired in their Klondike finery. Spot dances were won by Helen Pearson and Gustav Wiberg, Dianne and Tom Pearson, and Sara and Per Pettersson. The balloon dance was won by Audrey and Wayne Modin. Best dressed Klondike lady was Helga Johnson, and best dressed gent was Erik Engvall.

The following persons were visiting from outside of Canada were introduced.

Dagne and Ole Jensen from Videbak, Denmark; Sara and Per Pettersson and Hans Liljebladh from Soderkoping, Sweden; Helen Wiberg from Hallandale, Florida; Gustav Wiberg from Kiruna, Sweden; Anders Godman, Gotland, Sweden; and Ron and Carol Brandle from Singapore.

Gustav Wiberg from Kiruna, Sweden, has been a guest of Ethel and Erland Markstrom since the beginning of June.

Also visiting the Marstroms is Ethel's sister, Helen Wiberg, of Hallandale, Florida. Helen and her cousin travelled to Miami by car having left Edmonton the last of July. Enroute, they will visit relatives in Saskatchewan and friends in Seattle where Gus lived for three years before he returned to Sweden. Gustav will return to Sweden by air from the Miami airport.

Ron and Carol Brandle are back from Singapore. Ron will return shortly but Carol and the girls are staying for a year as the education in Singapore is not satisfactory. They left Canada two years ago for Saudi Arabia where they were stationed for seven months, then moved to Singapore. It took Carol six months to settle in but, after that, she found Singapore very enjoyable. They got used to the local dishes. Fried rice, entirely different from our version, is an entire meal. Every family has to have at least one family pet called a "chit chat". They are clear lizards and live behind mirrors and pictures and eat the bugs. The Chinese believe there's something wrong with a house if there isn't a chit chat in it. Sort of like the rats deserting a sinking ship.

Carol says the North American Women's Libbers should take note of the Singaporean women. They have equal opportunity. Women sweep the streets, pull vegetable carts, paint tall buildings and work side by side with the men. The men do the cooking or else they eat out at the roadside stalls.

Alice Sorenson's parents from Denmark have had a very enjoyable visit with Alice and Nels Sorenson and their family. They travelled to Jasper and Radium and then to Nelson, B.C., where they visited with a son for three weeks. Their son drove them back to Edmonton and they will soon return to Denmark.

During the month of July,

Lennart and Joan Petersson had Lennart's parents, Per and Sara Petersson, and his nephew, Hans Liljebladh, from Soderkoping, Sweden, as guests. While here, they visited a daughter in High Prairie and a niece in Victoria as well as a niece in Edmonton. They enjoyed their visit immensely and went back to Sweden with a great many happy memories.

Anders Godman from Gotland, Sweden, and his friend, Louella Fallis, from Manitoba were visitors at Vasa Park one weekend. Anders is an exchange agriculture student working on a dairy farm at Kavanagh for six months. He is enjoying his stay in Canada. Louella is working at the University of Alberta for the Research Council.

Bert and Margaret Lundgren spent a week or more in Edmonton in June. They arrived in time to celebrate Brian's seventh birthday and Audrey and Glen's fifteenth wedding anniversary. They also attended the midsummer dance at Vasa Park and the open house in honor of Sig Franzen's birthday. Their granddaughter, Karen Eliasson, went back to White Rock with them and enjoyed her holiday with Farmor and Grandpa Bert very much.

Kenneth Eliasson of Kamloops was in Edmonton for a holiday. While here, he took his brother, Alan, on a fishing trip, but the fishing isn't too good up at Jasper this year. Kenneth thinks it's much better at Kamloops.

Gunnar and Joan Okerman travelled in southern Saskatchewan and reported poor crops as a result of all that rain they had there.

The Lethbridge Lodge held their annual picnic at Willow Creek Provincial Park on July 11. I travelled down there with my daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Glen Eliasson, and enjoyed the weekend very much. Willow Creek Provincial Park is 10 miles west of Stavely. The weather was beautiful and I think everyone must have enjoyed themselves. As well as races and such, there was a horseshoe tournament which District Master Glen Eliasson and Bud Bell of Lethbridge won. On Saturday evening, Audrey and Glen led a singsong around the fire while Vice-District Master Lloyd Erikson supplied the guitar accompaniment.

On June 19, 39 persons aged 2-80 years sat down to a beautiful smorgasbord dinner at the Londonderry Hotel. The occasion was Albert Winquist's 80th birthday. Albert, a very youngish 80-year-old, and his wife, Astrid, sat at the head table surrounded by their family and friends. It was also the couple's wedding anniversary.



Astrid and Albert Winquist.

Their four daughters and one son were all present for the gala occasion, as well as most of their grandchildren and one great grandson. A daughter, June Young, her husband, Glen, and young son, Brian, had come from Prince George as had her son, Gary Wood, and his wife, Carol, and their son, Ian.

Gail and Joe Sullivan and Wayne Wood drove up from Calgary to help Grandpa celebrate. Also present were Astrid's nephew, Per From, and his friend, Roland Larsson, both visitors from Sweden.

After dinner, Rudy Sund related a very interesting story of Albert's life up to this point. He then presented Albert with a poem written especially for Albert's birthday by his granddaughter, Gail Sullivan. Then, as this was a double celebration, he proposed a toast to Albert and Astrid. Albert and Astrid also celebrated a lifetime of love with golden memories.

During dinner there was Scandinavian music by Olaf Sveen. Later the party moved to Rudy and Sonja Sund's home for coffee and birthday cake.

On June 16 our Swedish Consul, Sig Franzen, was pleasantly surprised when a large group of friends called to wish him a happy birthday. He received greetings from the Consul General in Montreal and the Swedish Embassy in Ottawa. Greetings were also received from relatives in Sweden and several Scandinavian organizations in Edmonton, also from his many friends.

On Sunday, June 20, his son and daughter had open house in his honor and many friends called throughout the afternoon.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death on June 20 of one of our Past District Masters and Past Grand Lodge Deputy, Br. Floyd Modin. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Peggy, and family, also his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Gus Modin, and his brothers and sisters.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 7 in the Clubhouse at Pigeon Lake, followed by a dance hosted by Tom Pearson. □

THE CELEBRATION OF ALBERT WINQUIST'S 80TH By Rudy Sund

Like all events, there must be a beginning. This story about Albert Winquist had its origin in a small village tucked away amongst green forests and blue lakes. The countryside was full of hard working, honest, good looking Swedes. No, this was not sunny Alberta, but Hökön, Skåne, Sweden.

Eighty years ago, Mrs. Winquist looked down at her new baby boy and said, "That is the last one." And it was. Besides, the novelty had worn off by now, you see, there were already seven daughters and one son before him. (We are sorry to say, his sister, Anna, passed away two weeks ago.) She said, "I shall call him Albert Hjammar," and he grew up to be a strapping boy. But he had this one problem called "itchy feet" which he may have caught from his brother or sister who had left for America before him.

So in 1915 at 19 years of age, he caught a cattle boat for New York and Toronto. After two years on the railroad, he noticed this message on a boxcar which read, "Go west, young man, go west," and he thought the

**Continued on Page 9
ALBERT WINQUIST**

CALL

Tony Lefsrud

for complete real estate service

STANDARD REALTY LTD

1710 Century Place, Edmonton, Alberta

Bus. Ph. 422-4131 — Res. Phone 1-789-3967

DANIA DOINGS



SPORTS INFORMATION By The Board of Directors

The following comments are made by the Board of Directors in connection with Tage Aquist's write-up in the July issue of the Scandinavian Centre News, as we feel a few items must be clarified.

The Danish Society "Dania" took over the responsibilities of the Soccer Club in 1975 on the conditions that all the players had to become members of "Dania", but in 1976 all the players who were not Danish did not pay their membership fee, not even the President of the Club.

In 1975 "Dania" donated over \$800.00 to the Soccer Club, without any form of explanation or receipts, and another \$350.00 was given to them in 1976 to cover the cost of registration and new soccer balls. Again no receipts or explanation.

It was then decided at a joint meeting of the soccer club, the handball club and Dania to arrange a dance whereby we could make some money and Dania would donate \$1.00 from every ticket sold to the two clubs, provided that they would come and give us a hand, and it was further decided that the people helping would get free admission. Also the reason for the admission being \$10.00 for the rest of the players was that they were not members.

Shortly thereafter the soccer club decided that Dania was asking for too much, and told us that they no longer wanted to play for the Danish Club. Dania then decided to go ahead and have the sports dance and the handball club came out and helped as planned.

As Tage Aquist mentioned, maybe the Board of Directors are not familiar with 1st Division players, but the Society cannot afford to sponsor a group of non-members and at the same time have to pay all their fees for enjoying to play soccer. "Dania" is still interested in sponsoring a soccer club with reasonable donations, but not into thousands of dollars.

HOW DO YOU FEEL AS A MEMBER ????????

NEWS FROM ANSGAR

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

During these summer months the regular activities of all Auxiliary groups in the congregation are enjoying a breather. Readers,

Royal Swedish Wedding

From News from Sweden

Crowds of up to 150,000 thronged the streets of Stockholm on June 19 as King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden married Miss Silvia Sommerlath in the city's cathedral. After the ceremony the King and Queen proceeded through the capital in an open carriage to the palace. The final stage of the short journey was aboard the royal launch, "Vasaorden", past moored rows of Swedish and foreign naval units.

The vast crowds were further swelled by the ranks of some 20 bands and members of numerous voluntary organizations. The massed standards of Swedish regiments were paraded beside the palace, while additional color and animation was supplied by a troupe of 150 fiddlers in folk costumes. The event was covered by some 1,000

please also notice the variations in the worship schedule, due to the pastor's vacation period.

Many of our members and friends are enjoying the presence of company from Denmark, we wish everyone a good summer, and remind you that your guests are always welcome to come to worship service with you.

The various outings and get-togethers of the congregation have been very well attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy these unique opportunities for fellowship.

On the last Sunday in August, that is the 29th, we are planning to have a "Summer's End" potluck smorgasbord for all members and friends, out at the pastor's place in Sherwood Park (weather permitting of course). We shall begin at around coffee time—3 or 3:30. You are asked to bring a dish or something or other, then we place these dishes on a table, and we share the wealth.

Please bring your own utensils and plates; we shall supply the coffee and the cups. If you like barbecues, then bring your wieners, hamburgers, steaks or whatever, and you may have the opportunity of burning your own meat. It may be a good idea to bring along your portable barbecue, if you have one, as we only have two at the place. Your lawn games, lawn chairs, and whatever else will add to your enjoyment should also be brought along.

We hope that this would be an ideal time to come together to meet and greet one another after the summer separation, and share with each other the delights of the summer.

Hope everyone has a good and safe summer, and we shall look forward to seeing a good crowd out for the 29th.

Swedish Flag Day in Vancouver

Swedish Folk Society of British Columbia sponsored a program at Van Dusen Park at 37th and Oak St. in Vancouver. Mr. Eric Hammarstrom, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed some three hundred guests at the fountain area. He introduced the working executive, Mr. Helge Pearson, Martin Carlson, Otto Nord-

journalists and broadcast by radio and TV to hundreds of millions throughout the West and was one of the most festive occasions of the century.

The wedding ceremony represents the first marriage of a reigning Swedish king since 1797. It was performed by the Archbishop of Sweden, Olof Sundby, assisted by the bride's uncle, the West German theologian, Professor Ernst Sommerlath. During the service, two centuries-old Swedish treasures—King Erik XIV's 16th century royal crown and Queen Lovisa Ulrika's crown—laid at the altar.

Among the 1,200 distinguished guests were many monarchs and heads of state.

The government and Riksdag, by way of a joint wedding gift, sponsored a gala performance at the Stockholm Opera House on the eve of the royal wedding, and among internationally-known Swedish artists to appear were Birgit Nilsson, Elizabeth Soderstrom, Nicolai Gedda, Alice Babs, Staffan Scheja, and the popular song group, ABBA. Earlier in the day the City of Stockholm gave a reception at the City Hall.

On the eve of the wedding, King Carl Gustaf also hosted a private party at the Drottningholm Palace just outside Stockholm. The wedding lunch in the Royal Palace on June 19 was attended by some 300 guests.

The Royal Mint was marking the royal wedding by the issuance of a Kr. 50 Jubilee Coin, of which 2 million are being minted, while the Postal Administration is giving out two new stamps, worth Kr. 1 and Kr. 1.30 respectively, bearing a royal portrait by the celebrated Swedish photographer, Lennart Nilsson.

The engagement of King Carl Gustaf to Miss Sommerlath—the daughter of West German businessman, Walther Sommerlath, and his wife, Alice, nee de Toledo—took place on March 12 in Stockholm. The couple first met during the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

ling, Valberg Erickson, Karen Johnson and Ann Johanson.

Mr. Hammarstrom called on Otto Nordling to unveil the bronze plaque of Linnaeus which had been paid for by the Folk Society, so that the fountain area should have a complete Swedish motif.

Mr. Helge Pearson called on Ray Forester to accept the Memorial book on behalf of the Van Dusen Park, from the Swedish Folk Society. This book contains all the names of those who had made this beautiful fountain area a success.

The Chairman called on the Consul General of Sweden, Mr. Karl Stahl, to speak a few words. At that time the Swedish flag was raised. He spoke at length on the history of the Swedish immigration and the legend of the Swedish flag.

The Bellman Male Choir sang three delightful Swedish songs. At this point the program was moved to the floral hall, where the Scandinavian Folk Dancers also performed. They were beautiful in their national costumes with the green gardens in the background. In the floral hall the Swedish Chorus from New West-

minster sang. They sang several religious songs in Swedish which made the heart feel good.

On this day many of the Swedish Delegates to Habitat were present. They represented high government offices in Sweden. Mr. Harry Bernhard, Vice-President of the International Housing Board spoke to the audience mentioning how proud we should be of our accomplishments.

Mr. Hammarstrom thanked all those who participated and all who came. Mr. Sven Ake Svensk served coffee and Danish pastries. Donations for the coffee were given to the future museum at the new addition of the Swedish Canadian Rest Home. Mr. John Leander spoke at length of the museum and the archives, and how we could make it a success.

The program closed with the grand finale of the Swedish and Canadian national anthems.

A.M.J. □

The best way I know of to win an argument is to start by being in the right.

A reckless driver is one who passes you in spite of all your car can do.

FLOWERS For All Occasions

Wedding and Funeral Designs — Cut Flowers — Potted Plants

ANNA HANSEN
475-6636 Fort Rd. • Londonderry 476-1378



GENERAL CONTRACTING & ENGINEERING

9615 - 56 AVENUE, EDMONTON 85, ALBERTA

TELEPHONE 434-9546

West End Motors

11240 - 149 Street
Edmonton

- We Specialize
 - Motor Overhaul
 - Automatic Transmission
 - Wheel Balance and Alignment
 - Brake Repairs
 - and General

PETE NIELSEN 484-5384

Come to the Campground of Canada

EDGEWATER, B.C.

Camp or Take a Cabin

Ideal Location Near Radium
Make this your point of destination

BENT, CHRIS & CAAN CHRISTENSEN

PHONE RADIAN (604) 347-9403

BUFORD NEWS

By Florence Pearson

The Buford Vasa Lodge lost a very active member in the passing of Floyd Wilfred Modin of Calmar at his cabin at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake, on June 20.

He was born on June 15, 1919, in Buford and grew up in the farming community of Bruce, Alberta, moving with his parents, brothers and sisters to what is now Glen Park in 1936.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army on Jan. 5, 1942, and spent some time overseas. On his return he joined the Buford Vasa Lodge No. 577 in April 1946 and had served as secretary, vice-chairman, chairman, cultural leader and treasurer. He organized a children's club of which he was leader for several years. He had also served the same offices in District Lodge Alberta No. 18 (second term as District Master). He was Grand Lodge Deputy until his illness in Dec. 1972. He was also postmaster and mayor of Calmar until then.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, Peggy, three daughters and one son. Mrs. Larry (Maureen) Pidkowa of Stony Plain, Mrs. Brian (Shelley) Cunningham of Calmar, Bruce and Kristien Cunningham, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Modin, and three sisters and two brothers.

Pallbearers were Hunter Brody, Stan Niddrie, Allan Ganton, Bill Sol, George Skjirven and Larry Pidkowa.

Honorary pallbearers were Lodge brothers Tony Lefsrud, Alf Hoyem, Vernon Pearson, Ray Pearson, Glenn Pearson and Bobby Pearson.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends and relatives.

Harry and Betty Hanson's nephew, Shane, who has spent the past year with them, has returned to his home in Wichita, Kansas.

Olive Davies and daughter, Susan, of Fort Saskatchewan, are spending a week's holiday at the Harry Hanson home.

Bernard and Dolores Johnson held a Johnson family reunion recently. The turnout wasn't as large as usual but all attending thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Algot Pearson is accompanying some friends on a holiday in Grande Prairie.

George and Doris Modin spent the last weekend in June attending a wedding in Camrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erickson and Mrs. Sund motored to Kulm, North Dakota, to attend a family reunion. On their return they stopped at Bruce, Alta., to attend the wedding of a relative.

PROVINCIAL HISTORIC SITES

By Rondo Wood
Alberta Culture
Public Affairs Officer

The Hon. Horst A. Schmid announced another step forward in Alberta Culture's program to preserve and protect locations of historical importance to Alberta. Recently by Order-in-Council, the government formally designated seven-

teen features of historical significance as Provincial Historic Sites.

Under the Alberta Historical Resources Act the province may so designate any historic site wholly situated on Crown land. The Act enables the province to undertake such preservation, development and management of the sites as seem desirable for their operation. Designation of the 17 Provincial Historic Sites gives appropriate recognition and protection to these provincially owned features. Any damage is punishable under the terms of the Alberta Historical Resources Act with a maximum fine of \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or both a fine and imprisonment.

Mr. Munro, the Federal Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, said he was disappointed in the C.R.T.C.'s decision to deny the station's application. The decision was announced on July 13.

CHIN's application for a change in frequency would have added towns such as London, Kitchener, Barrie, Peterborough and Kingston to its listening area.

Mr. Munro said CHIN Radio, which broadcasts in 34 different languages and specializes in programming for ethnocultural communities, provides a "valued and much needed service for a significant segment of the Toronto area population".

There is a definite need for more multilingual and community oriented broadcasting in Canada, Mr. Munro said.

"For many Canadians this kind of broadcasting provides the only link they have with familiar music and culture. It is also often their only outlet for information about their community and the larger society. I certainly don't think minority groups are over-serviced in this regard."

Mr. Munro said he believes a revised, more comprehensive submission to C.R.T.C. by CHIN would be favourably received.

In rejecting the original application, the Commission commented that the station had substantially improved its service in its licensed area since beginning transmissions from the CN Tower, Mr. Munro said. □

Street, New York, N.Y.
10022.) □

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joy and dividing our grief.

DIGNIFIED LADY

The dignified old lady was among a group looking at an art exhibit in a new gallery devoted to contemporary painting. When one picture caught her eye, she inquired, "What on earth is that?" The gallery attendant smiled condescendingly, "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and child." "Well, then," snapped the lady, "why isn't it?"

ALBERT WINQUIST

Continued from Page 7

message was for him and so he went west.

Rugged, sunny Alberta, real pioneering country was where he found what he was searching for. A beautiful Swedish girl called Astrid he courted and won her hand. The year was 1926. From this union there were four daughters and one son, and then eighteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

But all this took time. Fifty years, in fact. So you see, this year they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

So here is a toast to Albert and Astrid. Good Health, Good Luck and Enjoyment.

FOR A SPECIAL PERSON
By Gail Sullivan

a lifetime of living
is not much to ask
for a lifetime of beauty
and to appreciate the past.
there's time still for living
and enjoying it too
and time for us people
who do appreciate you
to wish you many more
happy days. Not
may they be as happy as the
days
you leave behind.

your loving
granddaughter
gail

(The above is the poem
that was especially written
for Albert Winquist's 80th
birthday by his granddaughter, Gail Sullivan.) □

ANECDOTES

Continued from Page 6

of a sudden everything dis-
appeared from sight, and
my wife (appeared). She
stood about twenty feet
from me with open arms,
like so. And, I felt as
if I would go toward her—
drift toward her, but then
nothing came of it. I
came out of it. But the
day after, I received a
letter from Sigrid . . .
She writes and tells me
that they have had a seance

Continued on Page 10
ANECDOTES

Don't wait! You won't find lower fares to Scandinavia than SAS fares.



Leave now and get the best fare buys on SAS. Fact is, no one has lower fares to Scandinavia than SAS. And within Europe, SAS serves more cities than any other airline from North America.

Call your travel agent or SAS now.

Take off with the Scandinavians.
Navigators of the world...
since it was flat.



SAS Reservations
and Information:
Zenith 5-6500



Kitchen Corner

Try this chocolate cake—it is moist and delicious.

MINT CHOCOLATE CAKE

Batter:

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 extra large eggs

1 cup oil

1 19-oz. can beets, thoroughly drained and pureed in blender

6 tablespoons cocoa

1 3/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

3/4 teaspoon pure peppermint extract

Icing:

2 tablespoons shortening

1 tablespoon butter

4 tablespoons cocoa

2 cups icing sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

5 tablespoons hot water

1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract

To prepare batter in beater bowl, combine sugar and eggs. Add oil and pureed beets and mix. Stir in cocoa, flour, baking soda, salt, vanilla and peppermint extract and beat for two minutes on medium speed, scraping down sides of bowl with scraper. Turn batter into a 9"x9" buttered pan. (If cake is to be turned out of pan for serving, line bottom with buttered wax paper.) Bake at 350°F for 45 to 50 minutes. Test with toothpick at centre ascertaining whether or not it is cooked. Cool in pan on cake rack.

To make icing, cream together shortening, butter and cocoa. Add icing sugar, salt, hot water and peppermint extract and beat until smooth. Spread on cake in pan or remove cake from pan to cake plate and frost sides and top.

CHOCOLATE CHIP SLICE

This is a good slice and needs no icing.

1/3 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup sifted flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup chopped nuts

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup dates or coconut

Cream butter and sugar well. Add egg and beat well. Add other ingredients. Pour into 9"x9" pan. Bake about 20 minutes at 325°F. Don't overcook.

SHRIMP CREOLE

The seasonings make this delicious. Serve with

rice.

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped celery

1 clove garlic, minced

1 can tomatoes (2 cups)

8-oz. can seasoned tomato sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon sugar

1/2 to 1 teaspoon chili powder

1 tablespoon Worcester-shire sauce

Dash of tabasco sauce

1 teaspoon cornstarch

2 teaspoons cold water

3/4 lb. raw, cleaned shrimp

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

Cook onion, celery and garlic in hot fat till tender but not brown. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce and seasonings. Simmer uncovered 45 minutes. Mix cornstarch with water, stir into sauce, cook and stir till mixture thickens. Add shrimp and green pepper. Cover, simmer till done, about 5 minutes. Serve with rice.

Serves 5 or 6. 0.00. 22 —

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPES

FISH PUDDING (Fiskepudding)

From "Norway Delight"

By Elise Sverdrup

2 lbs. minced fish, preferably haddock (Jack fish can be used)

2 teaspoons salt (or less if desired)

2 tablespoons potato flour or cornstarch

2 tablespoons flour

1/2 cup butter

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 cups cold milk, boiled

1 cup cold cream, boiled

Beat fish and salt 15 minutes to a soft dough. (Blender can be used.) Add flour, potato flour and cold butter. Season. Add milk and cream gradually. Make into steamed fish pudding, fish balls or frying fish cakes. If using a casserole dish, bake in boiling water both at 350°F for 40 to 50 minutes until silver knife comes out clean when inserted half way between centre and edge of casserole. Serve with cream sauce, shrimp or parsley sauce. When cold, excellent for sandwiches. (Fiskepudding with shrimp.)

CREAM SAUCE

Melt 6 tablespoons butter or margarine in large saucepan. Stir in 1/3 cup flour, 1 teaspoon salt, dash white pepper; cook constantly until bubbly. Stir in 2 1/2 cups light cream or milk, continue cooking and

stirring until sauce thickens. Thicken and boil 1 minute. Just before serving, if desired, stir in 1/4 cup chopped parsley or 1/2 cup shrimp, cooked.

DRIED FRUIT SOUP (Torkt Frukt Suppe)

1 12-oz. package mixed fruit—apples, pears, plums—or any one singly

4 cups water

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground mace

2 tablespoons cornstarch

3 tablespoons water

Simmer fruit in water until tender, about 15 minutes. Mix cornstarch with cold water; add to mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Stir carefully to avoid breaking the fruit. Chill. Serve cold with cream or soft baked custard.

FRUIT PUDDING WITH CREAM (Rodgrot Med Flotte)

1 pint red currants

1 pint raspberries

2 cups water

1/2 cup sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

2 tablespoons water

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine fruit and water; simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes. Drain, stir in sugar. Blend cornstarch and water into a smooth paste. Add cornstarch to fruit, stirring constantly. Bring mixture to a boil, cook 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Sieve mixture if desired. Chill. Serve with cream and decorate with blanched almonds, if desired.

CREME CARAMEL (Karamellpudding)

1/2 lb. (1 cup) sugar

6 tablespoons (1/2 cup) boiling water

3/4 pint (2 cups) milk

4 eggs

1 oz. (2 tablespoons) sugar

Vanilla essence

Caramelize sugar over a moderate heat. Add water and let it simmer for about 5 minutes until smooth. Pour immediately into mould, cover bottom and sides. Whip eggs with sugar, add milk and cream, boiling hot. Cool for about 5 minutes. Pour into mould and steam 70 to 75 minutes in a pan of hot water. Let it cool completely before turning out. Decorate with whipped cream. Serves 8.

SERINA BISCUITS (Serinakaker)

1 lb. (4 cups) flour

14 oz. (2 cups) castor sugar

1 lb. (2 cups) butter

2 eggs

2 oz. (1/2 cup) almonds

1 1/4 (1 1/2 teaspoons) baking powder

3-4 teaspoons vanilla sugar

Mix the flour with the baking powder, rub in the cold butter and add the egg yolks, and one egg white whisked up with sugar and vanilla. Shape the dough into small balls, flatten slightly with a fork, brush

with white of egg and sprinkle with chopped, blanched almonds. Bake until golden brown in a moderate oven at 350°F for 12 minutes. Makes 60 biscuits.

□

ANECDOTES

Continued from Page 9

in Reykjavik and my wife had appeared along with her foster sister who was the mother of this girl (Sigridur) . . . and she asks her to tell me—first, that she sent her greetings to me, and then that she will be waiting for me when I come. This was I think a little peculiar because she showed herself like that. Just as if she were saying, "I'll be waiting for you," yet she didn't say a word. I am given to believe that through this confrontation she wanted me to believe what (I took it like that)—wanted that I believe what had been said in the letter. Now, this is true and correct.

Similar accounts are many; for example, the spirit of a woman comes to the side of a sick young woman in Manitoba and helps her recover. Later the young woman describes this "person" who had visited her to an old friend who tells her that this must have been her mother who died in Iceland when her daughter was only two years old. In another anecdote a man intending to visit Iceland declares that if he dies there he will let a friend know by "appearing" in the smithy, on his farm. He dies in Iceland and his friend sees him at exactly the time he must have passed away. A more sinister story has the spirit of a murdered girl follow her killer and his family from Iceland to Manitoba.

While to each informant these incidents are a matter of curiosity and puzzlement they are accepted and expected. Moreover, they are believed to have a meaning or to foretell of something about to happen. The West Icelandic novelist, Johann Magnus Bjarnason, appeared in a dream to a lady friend and former student in New Iceland at a time when he was dying in Elfros, Saskatchewan. He told her that he might want her to do him a favour, sometime. Close to thirty years passed and she was not able to understand what the favour might be, and it still bothered her. My final interview with her took place in 1967 and she had retranslated a popular poem of his into English. She said he had never been pleased with the first translation and she was now satisfied that the favour had been rendered.

By far the greatest number of anecdotes about the supernatural are told about events in North America. Those that are told about incidents in Iceland

are usually told with an indulgent smile, except when the incident had some direct connection with something that happened in Canada. The belief in ghosts seems to be a genuine response to insecurities inherent in the acculturative situation. The well composed verse with its tightly knit form may preserve the memory of a man for several generations. A specific anecdote may only be remembered orally for two or at the most three generations, but the wonder and questioning which all such anecdotes pose somewhere in their telling keeps generation after generation interested, and doors open on a world which is felt to be more dependable than that which it otherwise reflects.

Anecdotes do not only serve as vehicles for the expression of supernatural experience; there is also inherent in their telling, as there is with verses, a power to bind or involve with each other the community of the living. This is largely because of the interest built up within the confines of a subject - teller - audience relationship, and because of a sense of involvement in the fate of the subject. This in turn creates a measure of tension which is directed toward an ideology of rightness and inevitability in which all participate.

The way tellers attempt, beyond the anecdote itself, to bring the audience to such a state of participation is a clear indication of this process. Frequently this is attempted through a form of emotional blackmail by making the audience accept not the word of the story teller but the subject who is frequently a close relative or friend, and very often dead. To refuse a sympathetic understanding under such circumstances is impolite and unkind, and when the listener has been exposed to such situations over a long period in a small isolated community the desired credulous participation replaces politeness. As a result few things are accepted as happening at random. Refrains such as these are constantly heard: "I knew it had some meaning;" "Can you figure it out?"—"Isn't that the damndest?"; "I always knew this was supposed to portend something." A number of the anecdotes recorded bear this out. In one of them a woman is given food when as a child on her way to Canada she looked to be in need. Fifty years later she meets her benefactress and is able to repay her. In another anecdote a man has pledged a sum of money to a holy church in Iceland in return for safe passage home through a snowstorm. The weather clears but he is unable to pay, until in his old age in Canada he gets

Continued on Page 11
ANECDOTES

LETTERS & NOTES
Continued from Page 11

publication of your very interesting and informative paper.

I have a very fine son-in-law, Rune E. Anderson, and when Lois and he were living over in Sweden Harry & I were over there for a visit. I enjoyed the country very much, also our tour over to England, etc., that Rune arranged for us.

Florence M. Woodcock
(Mrs. W. F. Woodcock)
12815 - 123rd St.
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir or Madame,
Please find enclosed cheque for \$3.00 for Scand. Paper. We enjoy having it so would be disappointed if you had to discontinue it.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Anderson
Box 43
Drayton Valley, Alta.

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed ten dollars towards operation of Scandinavian Centre News. We enjoy it very much.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Holten
3040 Boucherie Rd.
Kelowna, B.C.

Thank you very much for sending the Scandinavian News because we enjoy it very much.

Sigvald Stinne Henriksen
Berwyn.

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed \$5.00 as a donation to the paper. We enjoy it.

Magnus and Betty Pearson
11418 - 130 Ave.
Edmonton, Alta.

The S.C. News continues to do well, and now you twisted my arm. Hope you get more financial aid.

Mrs. Elsie Simmons
917 Hall St.
Nelson, B.C.

\$5.00 enclosed to help Scandinavian Centre News. Best wishes always.

Alice L. Anderson
Formerly of Calmar
Now of Victoria

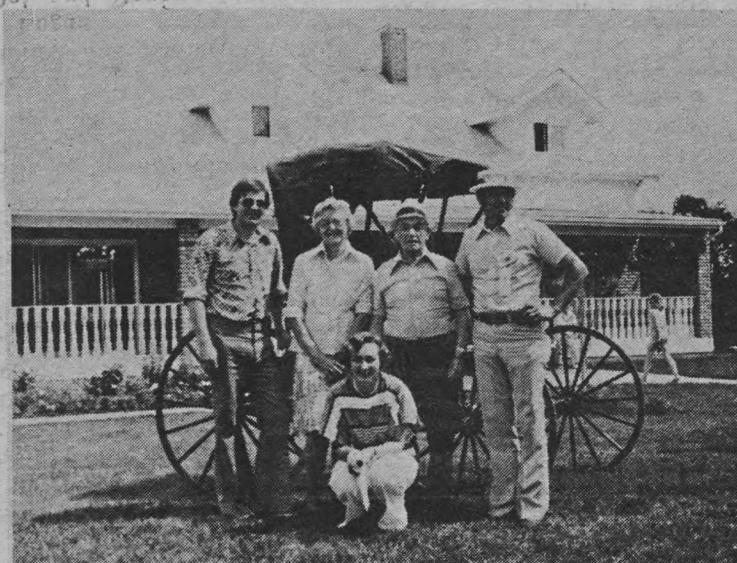
S/N CONVENTION
Continued from Page 1

of Calgary installed as Counselor, and our own Harv Haugen continues his term as Director.

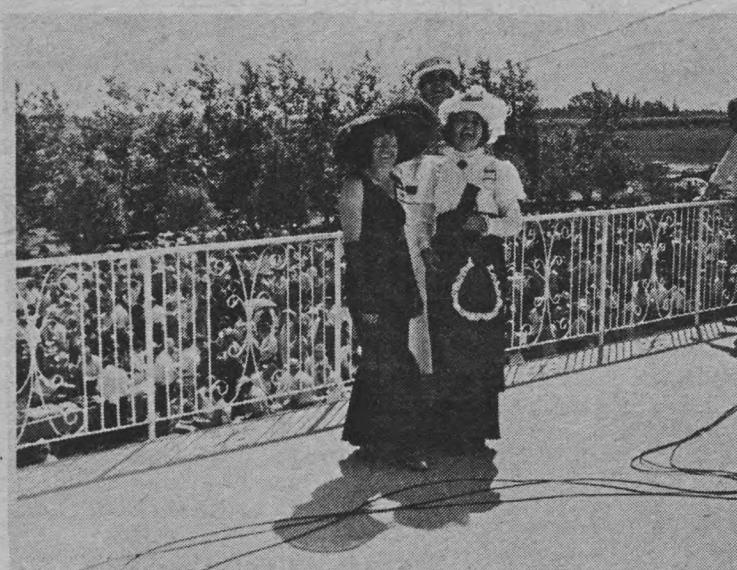
Gladys Clark chaired the Yearbook Committee and Helge Nilson served on the Sports Committee. Helge proudly accepted trophies won by Isobel Mjaatveit and Arne Gulbrandsen for high average in bowling.

Northern Lights Lodge #140 of Grande Prairie were successful in their bid for the 1978 Fourth District Convention.

The then upcoming Bicentennial celebrations in the United States were reflected in the programs of the convention, and many of the American delegates wore colorful period cost-



Son Oscar, Martha, Iver and son Henry, standing. In front is daughter Olga McBride.



Henry's wife, Lois, Oscar and Olga McBride, daughter, in Klondike costumes.

Inclosed find \$3.00 for the Scandinavian News. I like it very much. Thank you.

Mrs. Hilda Lundstrom
Hughenden, Alta.

Scandinavian Centre News,
Please accept this check as donation for Scand. News. Sorry I did not send money before.

Otto H. Hegland
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed a donation of \$3.00 to the Scandinavian Centre News.

I find the paper very interesting and look forward to its coming.

Lloydminster, Sask.
Mrs. Astrid Tweten
Lloydminster, Sask.

tunes to the various events. The five Alberta Lodges presented a beautiful "200th Birthday" flower arrangement to the American lodges which was used to decorate the rostrum and the head table at the banquets.

Solglyt members who attended the convention were:

Doug and Gail Peterson
Kalmar (delegate) and
Maisie Amdam

Janette Burt (delegate)

Emeth and Gladys (delegate)

Clark

Ellsworth and Lois Halberg
Harv (Director) and Betty

Haugen

Astrid Hope

Henry and Ruth (delegate)

Logan

Del and Doreen (delegate)

Melsness
Helge (delegate) and Lillian Nilson

This convention was well planned and enjoyable. We look forward to helping our brother and sister lodge members in Grande Prairie in any way we can to make the 1978 Convention even more successful. □

HEREFORD FIELD DAY
Continued from Page 1

Band permeated the air, girl dancers from Lori Venoasen's School of Dancing marched around the broad, paved circle amid the chatter of cowboys, cowgirls, Mounted Police and Klondikers to add to the gaiety of the day.

Coffee and home baking provided by the wives of the local Hereford Breeders was served at 10:00 a.m.

At noon, a sumptuous smorgasbord was served to about 1,800 guests. Tractors with trailers loaded with refreshments toured the grounds regularly. Amid all of this we were pleased to meet many guests from Sons of Norway—Anders and Eleanor Anderson, Christina and Anders, Jr., Betty and Carol Anderson, Svend and Orla Tychsen and their guests from Denmark, Astrid Hope, and many more.

What everyone really came for was to make a tour of the Hereford Livestock Display from 32 Hereford Breeders of Northern Alberta. I made the tour

BULLETIN BOARD

Scandinavian Centre - 14220 - 125 Ave.

FOR BOOKINGS

Phone The Manager
Peter Elander

Office 455-4355
Res. 452-3907

ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

9554 - 108A Avenue, Phone 467-3492 or 422-8777

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 1st - 11:00 a.m. - Danish

August 8th - 11:00 a.m. - English

Aug. 15 & 22 - 8 p.m. - English, Pastor Ove Pedersen of Armena

August 29th - 11:00 a.m. - Danish

and chatted with many of the exhibitors. What surprised me was the number of contributions made by Norwegians. There were Arnold Elvestad's, the George Slette's and the Johnson's from La Glace, Alberta; the Lyle Bratrud's from Holden; the Leonard and Brian Berg's from Sedgewick; the Lyseng's from Armena, and so on.

The President of the Northern Alberta Hereford Association is Bill Saverson of Camrose, Alta. I thought, "What a great contribution they have made to the Alberta Livestock industry!"

After the tour, more coffee and good home baking, more visiting and real country hospitality. Adding to the fun of the day was "Klondike Kate" and "Klondike Mike" with his famous donkey, "Chico". An added feature was the display of farm machinery by Sperry-Holland and International Harvester. Actual demonstrations in the hayfield were performed.

As we left the Venoasen farm, tired and sun burned, we could not help but reflect on the outstanding contributions and success of the Venoasen family to our community. Our hearts were filled with pride that here was another Norwegian family—pioneers, first and second generation Norwegian-Canadians who have made good. □

DONATIONS RECEIVED
Continued from Page 1

respond. It was hoped that they would come forth with at least some advertising for the paper.

When the president of the Scandinavian Centre, Per Nielsen, was told we had already received \$655.00, he asked, "For the year?" When he was told that was for this month only, he said, "Fantastic. Keep up the good work."

When asked to comment further he said:

"It is wonderful to receive this amount." He hoped and wished that this could keep up because this is one good way of getting revenue for the cost of the paper. The paper is of a high standard and because of this it costs quite an

amount to produce, around \$5.00 per year per person, and if all shareholders would donate \$5.00 a year, the paper would have no difficulty in continuing.

He said, "The original cost of the share, \$50.00, has more than been used up in the cost of publishing the paper, and yet the shareholder still has his share. Now the shareholders must realize that they will have to give something each year for the paper to continue."

He said, "The Scandinavian businessmen should also use the paper for advertising, and use it as a tax write-off. At the beginning the businessmen advertised in the paper, but now have slackened off and only a few sincere people are advertising, mainly just to support the paper," he continued.

"More businessmen should advertise in the paper to support it, and also use it as a tax deduction," he concluded.

When Stan Hafso, Director of the Scandinavian Centre News, was asked to comment on the receipt of over \$600 in donations, he said: "That's fantastic!"

He continued: "I wish to thank all of them on behalf of the Board of Directors, and he hoped all those who have not sent in a donation would continue their support. If everyone would send in a donation it would not take long to cover most of the expenses." He also hoped the businessmen would support the paper more.

He said the Board and the special Financial Committee were continuing to work on ways and means to get enough money to make the paper pay its own way. Another Committee meeting would be held sometime in August with representatives of the Scandinavian Centre and the five Scandinavian groups to get maximum support in their efforts.

There will be more about the August meeting and its findings in the next issue of the paper.

The financial troubles are not over, and everyone is urged to use the coupon on Page 11 and send in a donation for this cause.

This month's donations have amounted to over \$700 and they're still coming in. It is very encouraging. □